

the families of the other people who were killed or injured. Those families deserve to know exactly how this horrific accident happened and to have confidence that it will never be repeated. They also deserve to know that those who bear responsibility for this tragedy are also held accountable. I will insist on answers, solutions, and accountability, and I trust that my colleagues will join me.

At her funeral service in Michigan on Monday, I and others had a chance to hear firsthand just how deeply Rachel had touched the lives of so many. There were common themes among those who spoke at the service and in several of the stories written about her in the media since the accident. She was a dedicated friend, always going out of her way to be there for those she was close to. At the service we heard about how during Hurricane Sandy, when Rachel was 40 weeks pregnant and coping without electrical power, she went to the hospital to support a friend who was giving birth. Rachel took great joy in her family, as a wife and partner to Todd and as a mother to Jacob. She was a leader and a team builder who inspired her colleagues at ApprenNet, the education technology startup where she served as CEO. And she was incredibly smart, passionate and committed to social justice. As one of her friends told the Detroit Jewish News, “. . . she lit so many sparks. She was a visionary and a mobilizer. I'm amazed at how much she managed to fit into her 39 years.”

Rachel was known not only for her vision, but as the speakers at the service stressed, for her willingness to do the hard work necessary to bring her ideas to life. Detroit Nation might be the most vivid example of this. Rachel and friends in New York who had grown up in the Detroit area talked about creating a way for Detroit area natives who now live elsewhere to stay connected to their hometown and to participate in its revitalization. Rachel took this idea, sparked by a discussion among friends at a Passover Seder, and founded Detroit Nation—a nonprofit organization which now has more than 7,000 members in Metro Detroit and throughout the country. Detroit Nation creates connections between former Detroiters with expertise in a variety of areas and entrepreneurs and nonprofit organizations in Detroit who can benefit from that expertise, while also promoting the energy and innovation taking place in Detroit to people in cities throughout the country.

Mr. Speaker, Rachel Jacobs' mother, Gilda, perfectly described Rachel's most vital trait when she told the Detroit Jewish News that her daughter “. . . connected with the world.” This ability—to connect with the world and to create connections between other people to work together for a common good—has made a difference in the lives of many. May we all be inspired by Rachel, and I encourage my colleagues to join me in extending the deepest condolences to Rachel's husband, Todd Waldman and their son Jacob; to her parents, Gilda and John Jacobs; to her sister Jessica Steinhardt; and to all of Rachel's family, friends, and colleagues.

IN HONOR OF MURRAY J. PENDLETON, CHIEF OF POLICE OF WATERFORD, CT POLICE DEPARTMENT

### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Chief Murray J. Pendleton of Waterford, Connecticut upon his retirement from the Waterford Police Department.

For 48 years, Mr. Pendleton has been a committed and active officer of the Waterford Police Department, serving for the past 23 as Chief of Police. Chief Pendleton has steadfastly focused on the security of citizens in Waterford, and he is known in particular for his devotion to improving traffic safety programs. Thanks to his tenacity and devotion, his tenure as Chief in Waterford has been recognized nationally and has left a lasting impact on the community.

Chief Pendleton's impressive law enforcement career started in the United States Air Force as an Air Force Police Officer in 1962. In 1967, he joined the Waterford Police Department, serving in multiple specialized roles until his promotion to Deputy Chief in 1984, and Chief in 1991.

Chief Pendleton has served as a valued resource to my office throughout my time in Congress, and his absence will be felt in eastern Connecticut. Chief Pendleton was not just a leader in Waterford and its outstanding department, but in the entire state, advocating for safe roads and highways, regionalizing first responders and resources, and making police and fire communications interoperable. Any time I had a question, he always made himself available in person or on the phone and his responses were always direct and honest with no sugarcoating.

Please join me in congratulating Chief Murray Pendleton on a lifetime of service to his community, and wishing him a rewarding, and well-deserved retirement.

DEDICATION OF THE LGBT MONUMENT IN ABRAHAM LINCOLN NATIONAL CEMETERY

### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Chicago Chapter of American Veterans for Equal Rights, which will dedicate a monument for LGBT Veterans in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elmhurst, IL on May 25, 2015. This is an historic day, as this is the first federally-approved monument honoring LGBT veterans to be dedicated in a National Cemetery in the United States.

It is fitting that this monument is located in the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. President Lincoln was not only our 16th President and from the great state of Illinois, but he was also the founder of the National Cemetery system. His Gettysburg Address of 1863 became a model of the principles of nationalism, republicanism, equal rights, liberty, and democracy.

I am grateful for the efforts of the American Veterans for Equal Rights (AVER) and their continued commitment and dedication to equal rights and equitable treatment for all present and former members of the United States Armed Forces.

Thanks to Stanley J. Jenczyk and his colleagues with the Chicago Chapter of AVER, the LGBT veteran community will have a lasting tribute honoring their achievements and sacrifices. This monument recognizes the innumerable accomplishments of our military and forever commemorates their endeavors as servants of our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this significant dedication with the Chicago Chapter of American Veterans for Equal Rights. I am honored to have such an exceptional organization in my district.

CONGRATULATING MILLEDGEVILLE'S TRIUMPH AEROSTRUCTURES-VOUGH AIRCRAFT DIVISION

### HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud Milledgeville's Triumph Aerostructures-Vought Aircraft Division, an exceptional manufacturer located in Baldwin County, Georgia that was recognized as the 2015 "Large Manufacturer of the Year" by the Georgia Department of Economic Development.

Today, I praise Triumph for their global vision, their commitment to job creation, and for their extensive economic contribution throughout Middle Georgia. In my opinion, Mr. Speaker, Triumph is more than a manufacturing company but also a place of business integrity and workforce excellence. And I am honored to have a business like Triumph in my home district.

Mr. Speaker, Triumph is not only dedicated to business excellence but also determined to building a network of community leaders throughout their organization. Triumph's management established a tuition reimbursement program for its employees looking to further their education while dedicating countless volunteer hours to United Way, Relay For Life, and the American Red Cross.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I congratulate Triumph on their outstanding economic and leadership achievements, and I look forward to their future endeavors in the 10th district of Georgia.

HONORING MARTHA HERM FOR HER WORK WITH THE CENTER FOR PREVENTION OF ABUSE

### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Martha Herm for the more than two decades she spent as the Executive Director of the Center for Prevention of Abuse in Peoria, Illinois.